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AEROFLOT REPS SAMORUKOV AND RUCHKIN AND TREPYKHALIN OF
SOVIET EMBASSY CALLED ON EUR/SOV (EDGAR), FEB 15, AND
REACHED AGREEMENT ON STILL OUTSTANDING POINTS OF INTERIM
CIVIL AVIATION ARRANGEMENT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION, DEPTOFF
PRESENTED FOLLOWING "FINAL" DRAFT TO SOVIETS AND ASKED FOR
THEIR PROPOSED REPLY. DEPARTMENT HOPES FORMAL EXCHANGE OF
NOTES MIGHT TAKE PLACE NEXT WEEK.

BEGIN TEXT: THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE REFERS TO THE US-USSR
CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT OF 1966 AS AMENDED BY THE
PROTOCOL OF JUNE 22, 1973. TAKING ACCOUNT OF VIEWS
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EXPRESSED BY THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT, THE UNITED STATES
GOVERNMENT PROPOSES, AS A TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENT PENDING
FORMAL NEGOTIATIONS LATER THIS YEAR ON THE FUTURE OF US-
SOVIET CIVIL AVIATION RELATIONS, THE FOLLOWING UNDERSTAND-
INGS:

(1) THAT PARAGRAPH 5 OF THE ANNEX TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT

AGREEMENT, AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF JUNE 22, 1973, BE

REPLACED WITH THE FOLLOWING:

"EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE MAY OPERATE UP TO FOUR ROUNDTrip FLIGHTS PER WEEK DURING THE SUMMER 1978 TRAFFIC SEASON (APRIL 1, 1978-OCTOBER 31, 1978), UP TO THREE ROUNDTrip FLIGHTS PER WEEK DURING THE WINTER 1978/79 TRAFFIC SEASON (NOVEMBER 1, 1978-MARCH 31, 1979), AND THEREAFTER SUCH NUMBER OF FLIGHTS AS IS SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED BETWEEN THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE UNITED STATES MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHT SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE ON ALL ITS FLIGHTS. THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE SOVIET UNIO' MAY EXERCISE THE RIGHTS SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH 4 ABOVE ON TWO OF ITS FLIGHTS."

(2) THAT THE VALIDITY OF THE AGREED MINUTE ON CHARTER FACILITATION OF JUNE 22, 1973 BE EXTENDED THROUGH MARCH 31, 1979 WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT CHARTER PROGRAMS PROPOSED BY AIRLINES OF BOTH SIDES FOR OPERATION THROUGH MARCH 31, 1979 SHALL BE APPROVED.

(3) THAT EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE, ACTING AS GENERAL SALES AGENT FOR THE OTHER DESIGNATED AIRLINE IN THE TERRITORY OF THE CONTRACTING PARTY OF WHICH IT IS A NATIONAL, SHALL CONTINUE TO SELL AIR TRANSPORTATION ON ALL SERVICES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER DESIGNATED AIRLINE.

(4) THAT EACH CONTRACTING PARTY SHALL PERMIT THE DESIGNATED AIRLINE OF THE OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY TO USE WIDEBODIED AIRCRAFT ON THE AGREED SERVICES DESCRIBED IN THE ANNEX TO THE CIVIL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT AS AMENDED, FROM APRIL 1, 1979, AT CAPACITY LEVELS WHICH SHALL BE SUBSEQUENTLY AGREED.

(5) THAT EACH DESIGNATED AIRLINE AND OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCIES OF BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES SHALL COOPERATE IN FACILITATING AIR TRANSPORTATION MARKETING PROGRAMS.

(6) THAT BOTH CONTRACTING PARTIES WILL ENCOURAGE THEIR DESIGNATED AIRLINES TO PROPOSE AND IMPLEMENT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL OF FARES AND RATES WHICH CAN BE ECONOMICALLY JUSTIFIED.

THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE PROPOSES THAT IF THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDERS THE ABOVE UNDERSTANDINGS ACCEPTABLE, THIS NOTE AND THE SOVIET REPLY TO THAT EFFECT CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS EFFECTIVE ON THE DATE OF YOUR

REPLY. END SEXT. VANCE

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